

S/N 10/784,540

PATENTIN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICERECEIVED
CENTRAL FAX CENTER
DEC 26 2006

Applicant:	SMITH ET AL.	Examiner:	CHAUDHRY
Serial No.:	10/784,540	Group Art Unit:	1746
Filed:	FEBRUARY 23, 2004	Docket No.:	163.1750US01
Title:	METHODS FOR TREATING CIP EQUIPMENT AND EQUIPMENT FOR TREATING CIP EQUIPMENT		

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.6(d):

I hereby certify that this paper is being transmitted by facsimile to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on December 26, 2006.

By:

Name: Jo Ann Mattson

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIMECommissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a one-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed July 26, 2006, said period of response being extended from October 26, 2006 to December 26, 2006.

Please charge Deposit Account #13-2725 in the amount of \$450.00 to cover the required extension fee for a large entity.

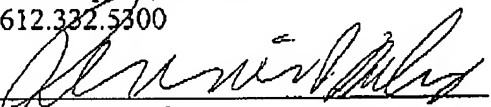
Respectfully submitted,

12/29/2006 HBELETE1 00000068 132725 10784540

01 FC:1252 450.00 DA

MERCHANT & GOULD P.C.
P.O. Box 2903
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402-0903
612.332.5300

Date: December 26, 2006


Dennis R. Daley
Reg. No. 34,994
DDaley:jm

23552

PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE